Welcome to Modesto USA, the birthplace of American Graffiti. Modesto is the home of the original “Where were you in ’62” high school class. Our people and places were the inspiration for George Lucas’ 1973 film that paved the road of nostalgia, changed modern filmmaking and put the soundtrack front and center, right there with the classic cars and the cruising.

If you want to get involved, visit our Facebook at: www.facebook.com/classiccommunitymurals and message us. You can also see more about our murals at: www.healthiercommunityartsinitiative.com

Thanks to the teams that made this happen: ModestoView Magazine www.modestoview.com Wells Fargo Bank www.wellsfargo.com, Peer Recovery www.peerrecoveryartproject.org

Thanks for visiting, and make sure you tell a friend and post your pics with the tag #classicmodestomurals

Chris Murphy – ModestoView
John Black – Peer Recovery
Downtown Modesto is home to the Modesto Historic Cruise Route of 10th and 11th Streets. These were the streets where it all began. “Draggin’ 10th” as it was known back in the 40s and 50s. The cars, the girls, the music, the fun, the pranks and the coming of age all wrapped up on the streets of Downtown Modesto.

Legendary custom car creator and Modesto native Gene Winfield built some of his most famous cars and cruised the streets.

The movie had great cars and a great story and some of these are now larger than life in the Classic Community Murals of Modesto. This is a great team project with the Peer Recovery Project and Gallery, ModestoView Magazine, Wells Fargo, Sierra Pacific Warehouse Group and our local talented artists.

This project will grow as new walls become available and opportunities arise. The goal of this project is to capture our Classic Community Spirit, build teamwork in our arts community and create something really special that shows off the history of Modesto and the talent of our art community.

It all started with a ’32 Deuce Coupe. The classic car from American Graffiti driven by John Milner (actor Paul LeMat). This car has become synonymous worldwide with the Graffiti experience. This first mural was painted on the wall of the Peer Recovery Gallery at 13th and J Street in downtown Modesto. Stop by and snap your selfie with one of the most iconic classic cars ever, painted by spray can by Aaron Vickery FASM.

One of the most beloved classic cars is the ’57 Chevy Bel Air. The tail-fins are a masterpiece and the chrome and the design makes a statement that still stands tall today. Two of our murals feature this classic car and there will be more to come. The giant headlights of a ’57 adorn the walls of the Modesto Chamber of Commerce and at McHenry Village.

Cruising began in Modesto at the end of World War II. Drive-ins were popping up all over, gas and rubber were plentiful and people had time on their hands. Our murals showcase the cruising experience. The amazing four-panel mural at 305 Downey St features the car show inspired images by artist Tom Nye “Giant” with many Modesto locations featured.

Neville Brothers is where classic cars are still created today. A visit to this shop will see not only an amazing mural painted by Tom Nye “Giant” featuring the iconic Modesto Arch, a train and cars cruising into town but will showcase various Modesto hot rods getting all tuned up. There new murals with a classic police care leading out the cruise and “Submarine Races” by Tom Nye.

The Classic Community movement is gaining speed and has attracted world-renowned muralist Ella Yates to create the “Cruisers” and Al Majia who created the “Classic Carhop” We are teaming up with new artists for new projects. What will be next?

### Mural Locations:

- ’57 Chevy Chrome - 10th & J - Modesto Chamber of Commerce
- ’57 Chevy Cruise - 1700 McHenry - McHenry Village
- 32 Deuce Coupe - 13th & J - Peer Recovery Gallery
- Street Cruise - 305 Downey - 4 panel
- Under The Arch - 723 Needham - Neville Brothers
- Flower Delivery - 9th and M St - Flowers Center
- Submarine Races - 221 McHenry - Law Office
- Police Cruise - 1511 McHenry - Law Office
- Car Hop - 1420 McHenry - Antique Store
- Cruisers - 1008 J St. - Rancho Fresco